

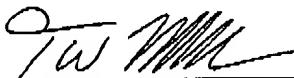
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-7, 10-12, 16-18, 21-23, and 27 and objected to claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-15, 19, 20, 24-26, and 28-30. These rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-15, 19, 20, 24-26, and 28-30.
2. The applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1, 5-7, 10-12, 16-18, 21-23, and 27.
3. The applicant has amended claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-15, 19, 20, 24-26, and 28-30 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 2-4, 8, 9, 13-15, 19, 20, 24-26, and 28-30 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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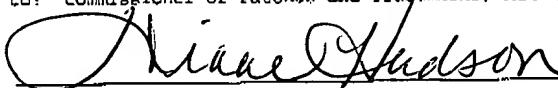
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